

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01924-APM**

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH v. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR  
Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 08/16/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
08/16/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5642594) filed by FRIENDS OF THE EARTH. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons)(Lawton, William) (Entered: 08/16/2018)
08/16/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (zmd) (Entered: 08/20/2018)
08/23/2018	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent) (zmd) (Entered: 08/23/2018)
09/26/2018	<u>3</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 09/26/2018)
09/27/2018	<u>4</u>	ORDER. Both a Complaint and an Answer are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before October 11, 2018. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 09/27/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 09/27/2018)
09/27/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/11/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 09/27/2018)
10/11/2018	<u>5</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 10/11/2018)

10/12/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file a Joint Status Report no later than November 20, 2018, updating the court on Defendant's efforts to produce responsive materials. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/12/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 10/12/2018)
10/12/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/20/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 10/15/2018)
11/19/2018	<u>6</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order Proposed Order)(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 11/19/2018)
11/20/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>6</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall submit another Report no later than January 20, 2019, which updates the court on Defendant's search and production efforts. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 11/20/2018. (lcapm3) (Entered: 11/20/2018)
11/20/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/20/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 11/21/2018)
01/18/2019	<u>7</u>	MOTION to Stay , MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>in Light of Lapse of Appropriations</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Hudak, Brian) (Entered: 01/18/2019)
01/22/2019		Minute Order granting Defendant's <u>7</u> Motion for Stay and Extension of Time. This matter is hereby stayed. Within seven business days of Department of Justice operations resuming, the parties shall submit a Joint Status Report that proposes a schedule for further proceedings in this matter. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 01/22/2019. (lcapm3) (Entered: 01/22/2019)
02/04/2019	<u>8</u>	NOTICE by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Joint Status Report)(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 02/04/2019)
02/04/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report no later than March 5, 2019, that updates the court on Defendant's search and production efforts. If needed, the parties shall propose a summary judgment briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 02/04/2019. (lcapm3) (Entered: 02/04/2019)
02/04/2019	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (jf) (Entered: 02/05/2019)
02/05/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file their next Joint Status Report regarding Defendant's production of responsive information no later than March 5, 2019. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 02/05/2019. (lcapm3) (Entered: 02/05/2019)
02/05/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/5/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 02/06/2019)
03/05/2019	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 03/05/2019)
03/06/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file a Joint Status Report no later than April 5, 2019, updating the court on Defendant's production efforts and, if necessary, proposing a briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 03/06/2019. (lcapm3) (Entered: 03/06/2019)
03/06/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/5/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 03/10/2019)
04/05/2019	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 04/05/2019)
04/08/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by May 10, 2019, which updates the court on search and production efforts and estimates a time for completing production. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 04/08/2019. (lcapm3) (Entered: 04/08/2019)
04/08/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/10/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 04/08/2019)
05/10/2019	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by FRIENDS OF THE EARTH. (Lawton, William) (Entered: 05/10/2019)
05/10/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by June 20, 2019, which sets forth the status of production and recommends a briefing schedule, if

		necessary. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 05/10/2019. (lcapm3) (Entered: 05/10/2019)
05/10/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/20/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 05/13/2019)
05/13/2019		NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>12</u> Status Report; emailed to nlawton@meyerglitz.com, cc'd 4 associated attorneys -- The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Invalid attorney signature, 2. DO NOT REFILE -- For future filings electronic signature required (zjf, ) (Entered: 05/13/2019)
06/21/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 06/21/2019)
06/21/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by July 24, 2019, that proposes further proceedings for this matter. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 06/21/2019. (lcapm3) (Entered: 06/21/2019)
06/21/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/24/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 06/25/2019)
07/23/2019	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 07/23/2019)
07/24/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by August 21, 2019. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 07/24/2019. (lcapm3) (Entered: 07/24/2019)
07/24/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/21/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 07/25/2019)
08/16/2019	<u>15</u>	NOTICE of Change of Address by William N. Lawton (Lawton, William) (Entered: 08/16/2019)
08/20/2019	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 08/20/2019)
08/22/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by September 24, 2019. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 08/22/2019. (lcapm3) (Entered: 08/22/2019)
08/22/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/24/2019. (kt) (Entered: 08/22/2019)
09/24/2019	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 09/24/2019)